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Inv: Yasuji HIRAMATSU, et al

Preliminary Amendment

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending; no claims have been amended or canceled herewith. The Specification has been amended to add priority information.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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